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Cedar Grove January 2nd 1861.

Dear Father,

Judge Potell has proposed that we should divide the original property of the estate of Dr. Henderson, also the same for which you and Lowndes are upon our joint bond in Hinds County. He proposes that we divide the original estate of the Dr's in Madison County and each assume one half of its liabilities, and also divide the Reagan negroes he pledging himself & Securities to make good any deficiency in crops that may be made by his half of said Reagan Negroes provided I will pledge myself & Securities to do likewise, or each give bond & Security to the other for half the amount of the bond in Hinds, Conditioned the same as said bond in Hinds - He wrote to Judge Johnston at Raymond to know if the bond that had been given could not be taken up and let each give bond to the Court for half the amount, but Johnston's reply was that he did not think the Judge of the Court had the power to take bonds in that way, but suggested that we might divide the property by private arrangement, subject to the future confirmation of the Court - The way things are situated it is rather an unsatisfactory way of getting along, I would like very much if it could be done satisfactorily to have a division, then we would each feel more as if we were working for our individual benefit, as it is neither feel or can act altogether as we should

if things were divided - We are both administrators of upon
the Heagen property now if we each take half and secure
the proceeds of said half to the other I don't know if it would
not be the best way to manage it - There are no monies
to collect for that branch, in fact to account for the
property and the proceeds since it come into our hands
is all that is to be done as I understand it,

Our private understanding as to division does not effect
our obligation to the Court as a matter of course, we
simply agree in order to have matters so arranged that
each can manage as he thinks proper and best, and
obligates to make the same good in final settlement,
The reason for having a division now is to be able to
commence for the next crop for which it is almost time,
if the thing is not effected shortly it cannot be done under
another year. I did not feel disposed ~~feel disposed~~
however, to take any action in the premises without
notifying you and Lowndes and obtaining your approval
of the course feeling it was due to you as bondsmen to
know of any arrangement that we might think of
making. I have not written to Lowndes supposing you
would see him and show him this,

Our love to all, we are all well, I have no news -
Let me hear from you immediately upon the subject.
I wrote to you a few days ago -

Your Son,

A. B. Trudell
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